

Remarks

The Office Action mailed June 18, 2003 has been carefully considered. After such consideration, Claims 1 and 24-44 have hereby been canceled without prejudice. New Claims 48, 49 and 50 have been added for examination. As such, new Claims 48, 49 and 50 remain in the case with no claims thus far allowed.

New independent Claim 48 is directed to a method of forming a printing substrate. The method includes forming and finishing the substrate in a single operation. A "single operation" is defined in the specification of the original application as "without the need for additional moving or handling steps." Page 8, line 14. An exemplary example of equipment suitable for practicing the method as claimed is depicted by the figures accompanying the application, particularly Figures 1 and 2. No new matter has been added.

It is respectfully submitted that neither Porter (5,399,419) nor Wagner, Jr. et al. (5,950,457) disclose a weft inserted, warp knit fabric web formed and finished in a single operation. Dependent Claims 49 and 50 contain the allowable subject matter of independent Claim 48 and are therefore also allowable.

The Applicant submits that by this amendment, he has placed the case in condition for immediate allowance and such action is respectfully requested. However, if any issue remains

unresolved, Applicant's attorney would welcome the opportunity for a telephone interview to expedite allowance and issue.

Respectfully submitted,



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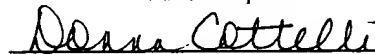
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